

MGL Chapter 272, Sec. 80 D Retail Sale of Baby Chicks, Ducklings, Rabbits, Etc...

No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter or give away as premiums living baby chickens, ducklings or other fowl under two months of age.

No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter, display or give away living rabbits, chickens, ducklings, or other fowl which have been dyed, colored or otherwise treated so as to impart to them an artificial color.

*Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the sale or display of baby chickens, ducklings, or other fowl under two months of age by breeders or stores engaged in the business of selling for purposes of commercial breeding and raising; provided, however, that **prior to May first in any year, such ducklings may be sold or purchased only in quantities of twenty-four or more.***

This section shall not prohibit, however, the sale or donation of such chickens, ducklings or other fowl to schools for use in classroom instruction.

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

We ask your cooperation during the Easter Season when selling baby chicks and ducklings.

During this season some well-meaning individuals try to purchase animals intended as Easter presents.

Chicks and ducklings are extremely cute and fuzzy. Unfortunately, as they get older and louder they are not as cute and fuzzy.

Screening of potential chick sale customers is important. Unless adequate brooding, growing, equipment and housing facilities are provided the birds will suffer.

Mass. General Law Chapter 272, Section 80D, deals with the retail sales of Baby Chicks, Ducklings, Rabbits, Etc.

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